

22-26 East State Street (Commercial Building) HABS No. NJ-967
(Dunham's Department Store)
Trenton
Mercer County
New Jersey

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	COUNTY Mercer	TOWN OR VICINITY Trenton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 22-26 East State Street (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. NJ-967
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Dunham's Department Store (1905-1980)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 22-26 East State Street (Commercial Building)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Original date unknown; extensive remodelling ca. 1955. (Deeds).	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Originally three separate commercial buildings, they were used as one unit as early as 1905 by S.D. Dunham & Co., a leading Trenton Department store. The individual buildings housed a variety of retail and office uses in the latter 19th century.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick load-bearing walls with steel framing for reinforcement.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See attached sketch.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Upper floors of the brick building are painted white, with the name "Dunham's" in script and the store logo on the wall. Through the paint, closed-up window openings are discernible, as is brick infill to bring the three separate parts of the building to a uniform height. <i>Continued on following page</i>		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior was completely gutted and altered in the 1950's through 70's. First floor store has mirrored walls and dropped ceiling. Second floor offices are finished with plywood paneling, dropped ceiling, and wall-to-wall carpets.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The total remodelling of the facade to form a featureless, flat surface was done in the mid-1950's. The storefront, both inside and out, has been updated since then.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition. Retail use until demolition in September 1987.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building was demolished in 1987, along with the rest of the block it was located in, to make way for new commercial construction by DKM Properties Corporation.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Mercer County Deedbooks for property transferrals from mid 19th c. to present Trenton City Directories. Sanborn Map, Trenton, 1908.		
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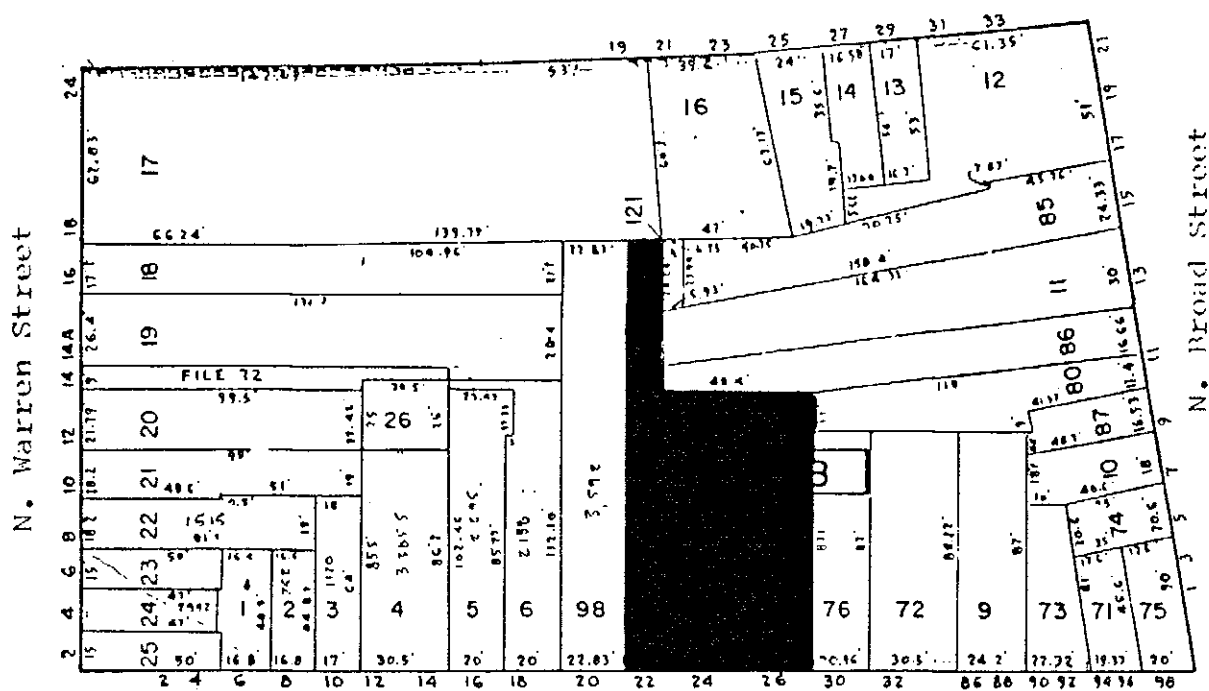
The modern metal and glass storefront is set under a smooth cut stone entablature with molded cornice. The bulkhead and side panels of the storefront are a highly polished black-and-white flecked stone. On the west side of the storefront is a service and delivery bay with roll-down steel door.

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Site Plan

E. Hanover Street



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Floor Plan

